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Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 53 (see A/63/418, para. 2). Action on sub-item (b) was taken at the 19th and 29th meetings, on 28 October and 25 November 2008. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/63/SR.19 and 29).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.6 and A/C.2/63/L.46

2. At the 19th meeting, on 28 October, the representative of Antigua and Barbuda, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (A/C.2/63/L.6), which read:

> "*The General Assembly*,
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> "*Recalling* its resolutions 46/151 of 18 December 1991, 49/108 of 19 December 1994, 51/170 of 16 December 1996, 53/177 of 15 December 1998, 55/187 of 20 December 2000, 57/243 of 20 December 2002, 59/249 of 22 December 2004 and 61/215 of 20 December 2006 on industrial development cooperation,

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"*Recalling also* the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ('Johannesburg Plan of Implementation'),

"*Recalling further* the 2005 World Summit Outcome and resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006 on the follow-up to the development outcome of the 2005 World Summit, including the Millennium Development Goals and the other internationally agreed development goals,

"*Reaffirming* that industrialization is an essential driver of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including through the creation of productive employment, income generation and the integration of women into the development process,

"*Stressing* the importance of international cooperation to promote equitable and sustainable patterns of industrial development,

"*Recognizing* the role of the business community, including the private sector, in enhancing the dynamic process of the development of the industrial sector, and underlining the importance of the benefits of foreign direct investment in that process,

"*Recognizing also* the importance of the transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms to the developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition as an effective means of international cooperation in the pursuit of poverty eradication and sustainable development,

"1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;

"2. *Reaffirms* the essential contribution of industrial development to sustained economic growth and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

"3. *Emphasizes* the importance of the creation of wealth for poverty reduction through the development and strengthening of productive capacities in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including through the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, enterprise upgrading, training, education and skills enhancement, the provision of access to technology and investments and participation in global supply chains;

"4. *Underscores* the necessity of favourable national and international measures for industrialization in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and urges all Governments to develop and implement policies that will lead to the development of a dynamic industrial sector through, inter alia, public- and private-sector development, the diffusion of environmentally sound and emerging technologies, investment promotion and enhanced access to markets;

"5. *Calls for* the continuing use of official development assistance for sustainable industrial development as well as industrial development

cooperation between developing countries and with countries with economies in transition;

"6. *Underlines* the importance of mobilizing resources for sustainable industrial development at the country level;

"7. *Calls for* the continuing use of all other resources, including private and public and foreign and domestic resources, for industrial development in the developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition;

"8. *Recognizes* the key role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in promoting sustainable industrial development and in industrial development cooperation, and welcomes its increased programmatic focus on three thematic priorities, namely, poverty reduction through productive activities, trade capacity-building and environment and energy;

"9. *Calls upon* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to initiate and implement actions within its mandate that would complement and support the efforts of the international community to address the world food crisis;

"10. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to increase its technical assistance in the development of agro-industries and in helping to reduce post-harvest losses of developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including through the introduction of improved technologies and the increased processing of agricultural products, as well as through value addition;

"11. *Notes* the emphasis placed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on assisting developing countries and countries with economies in transition to strengthen their capacity to engage in international trade through small and medium-sized enterprise development and by helping them to meet international product and process standards;

"12. *Welcomes* the increased cooperation of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the regional economic commissions, and invites the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to build and strengthen its partnership with other United Nations organizations having complementary mandates and activities with a view to achieving greater effectiveness and development impact and promoting increased coherence within the United Nations system;

"13. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to promote environmentally sound and sustainable industrial production through, inter alia, its cleaner production programme, industrial energy efficiency and industrial water management programmes;

"14. *Takes note* of the role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in promoting renewable energy for productive uses, especially in rural areas, and in promoting industrial energy efficiency;

"15. *Also takes note* of the increased emphasis given by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation, and encourages the Organization to give particular attention to promoting industrial cooperation among developing countries, including through its centres for South-South industrial cooperation and through the promotion of various forms of public/private-sector partnerships;

"16. *Welcomes* the support of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the New Partnership for Africa's Development of the African Union aimed at further strengthening the industrialization process in Africa, inter alia, through its role as the convener of the industry, trade and market access cluster of the regional consultation meetings led by the Economic Commission for Africa;

"17. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to develop further its global forum capacity according to its mandate, with the aim of enhancing, in the context of the globalization process, a common understanding of global and regional industrial sector issues and their impact on poverty eradication and sustainable development;

"18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

3. At its 29th meeting, on 25 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (A/C.2/63/L.46), submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.6.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.46 (see para. 7).

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.46, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.6 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

7. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Industrial development cooperation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/151 of 18 December 1991, 49/108 of 19 December 1994, 51/170 of 16 December 1996, 53/177 of 15 December 1998, 55/187 of 20 December 2000, 57/243 of 20 December 2002, 59/249 of 22 December 2004 and 61/215 of 20 December 2006 on industrial development cooperation,

Recalling also the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] the Monterrey Consensus of the International Conference on Financing for Development[2] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[3]

Recalling further the 2005 World Summit Outcome[4] and resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006 on the follow-up to the development outcome of the 2005 World Summit, including the Millennium Development Goals and the other internationally agreed development goals,

Recognizing that industrialization is an essential driver of sustained economic growth, sustainable development and poverty eradication in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including through the creation of productive employment, income generation and the facilitation of social integration, including the integration of women into the development process,

Stressing the importance of international cooperation to promote equitable and sustainable patterns of industrial development,

Recognizing the role of the business community, including the private sector, in enhancing the dynamic process of the development of the industrial sector, underlining the importance of the benefits of foreign direct investment in that process, and recognizing also, in this regard, that an enabling domestic environment is vital for mobilizing domestic resources, increasing productivity, reducing capital flight, encouraging the private sector and attracting and making effective use of international investment and assistance and that efforts to create such an environment should be supported by the international community,

Recognizing also the importance of the transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms to the developing countries as well as countries with economies in

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[1] See resolution 55/2.

[2] *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

[4] See resolution 60/1.

transition as an effective means of international cooperation in the pursuit of poverty eradication and sustainable development,

Noting that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization was awarded the Africa Investor Award for 2007 in the category "best initiative in support of small and medium-sized enterprise development",

Taking note of the important role played by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the development of the public and private sectors, productivity growth, trade capacity-building, corporate social responsibility, environmental protection, energy efficiency and the promotion of renewable energies,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization;[5]

2. *Reaffirms* that each country must take primary responsibility for its own industrial development and that national efforts should be complemented by supportive global programmes, measures and policies aimed at expanding the development opportunities of developing countries;

3. *Also reaffirms* the essential contribution of industrial development to sustained economic growth and social development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals;

4. *Emphasizes* the importance of the creation of wealth for poverty reduction and for pro-poor growth, especially with regard to women, through the development and strengthening of productive capacities in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including through the development of the public and private sectors and entrepreneurship and through small and medium-sized enterprises, enterprise upgrading, training, education and skills enhancement and an enabling environment for the transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms, the flow of investments and participation in global supply chains;

5. *Underlines* the necessity of favourable national and international measures for industrialization in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and urges all Governments to develop and implement policies that will lead to the development of a dynamic industrial sector through, inter alia, public- and private-sector development, the diffusion of environmentally sound and emerging technologies, investment promotion and enhanced access to markets;

6. *Calls for* the continuing use of official development assistance for sustainable industrial development, the achievement of greater efficiency and effectiveness of official development assistance resources and industrial development cooperation between developing countries and with countries with economies in transition;

7. *Underlines* the importance of mobilizing resources for sustainable industrial development at the country level;

[5] A/63/309.

8. *Calls for* the continuing use of all other resources, including private and public, foreign and domestic resources, for industrial development in the developing countries as well as countries with economies in transition;

9. *Recognizes* the key role of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in promoting sustainable industrial development and in industrial development cooperation, and welcomes its increased programmatic focus on three thematic priorities, namely, poverty reduction through productive activities, trade capacity-building and environment and energy;

10. *Calls upon* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to take appropriate actions for the full implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 of 19 December 2007;

11. *Recognizes* that the current food crisis represents a serious and complex challenge affecting the world's poor, and looks forward to discussions and a report on how the United Nations Industrial Development Organization might best contribute to a system-wide solution to the crisis;

12. *Stresses* the importance of the development of agro-industries and the reduction of post-harvest losses, including through the introduction of improved technologies and the increased processing of agricultural products in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, and encourages the parties in the ongoing discussions being held in Vienna to consider how the United Nations Industrial Development Organization could best contribute to those objectives, including discussions aimed at helping to achieve global food security;

13. *Notes* the emphasis placed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on assisting developing countries and countries with economies in transition to strengthen their capacity to engage in international trade through small and medium-sized enterprise development and by helping them to meet international product and process standards;

14. *Welcomes* the increased cooperation of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO, the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the regional commissions, and invites the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to build and strengthen its partnership with other United Nations organizations having complementary mandates and activities with a view to achieving greater effectiveness and development impact and promoting increased coherence within the United Nations system;

15. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to promote environmentally sound and sustainable production through, inter alia, its programmes on cleaner production, industrial water management and industrial energy efficiency and the utilization of renewable energy for productive uses, especially in rural areas;

16. *Takes note* of the increased emphasis given by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to South-South cooperation, including triangular cooperation, and encourages the Organization to pay particular attention

to promoting industrial cooperation among developing countries, including through its centres for South-South industrial cooperation and through the promotion of various forms of public/private-sector partnerships and the exchange of experiences in public- and private-sector development, including at the regional, subregional and country levels, with regard to industrial development;

17. *Welcomes* the support of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the New Partnership for Africa's Development and other programmes of the African Union, including the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa, aimed at further strengthening the industrialization process in Africa, inter alia, through its role as the convener of the industry, trade and market access cluster of the regional consultation meetings led by the Economic Commission for Africa;

18. *Recognizes* the importance of industrial development in post-conflict countries, particularly through employment-generating activities and energy supply, and encourages the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to assist in these efforts within its mandate, including, where applicable, by providing assistance in the implementation of the integrated peacebuilding strategies of the Peacebuilding Commission;

19. *Encourages* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to develop further its global forum capacity according to its mandate, with the aim of enhancing, in the context of the globalization process, a common understanding of global and regional industrial sector issues and their impact on poverty eradication and sustainable development;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.